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231 section on livestock, Chapter 2. The method of buffalo feed has also been mentioned in the section on land utilization, Chapter 3.

*243 231 Inasmuch as draft animals, or more specifically buffaloes, provide services in rice production, they may very well be considered a kind of farm equipment. They are used in all steps of breaking and leveling the soil and also in threshing. They are absolutely indispensable on rice farms.

231 435 An average purchased value of a work buffalo was 985 baht per head. According to the 1948 survey, buffaloes began their farm work at the age of 4-5 years and remained in service [237] for an average of 10½ years. When they are dead, their meat is consumed and the hide is dired and made into rope. Some farmers sold the buffalo carcass on the spot and received an average price of 250 baht in 1948. When the original cost of 985 baht was subtracted by the residual value of 250 baht and the result was divided by the length of service of 10½ years, the annual depreciation so obtained was found to be 70 baht. This method of computation for depreciation when adopted for buffaloes appears to be rather crude, for the maintenance cost was neglected and some buffaloes might be bought at the age over 5 years (at varying prices) in which case their length of service might be expected to be shorter than 10½ years. The general pattern, however, was that farmers bought buffaloes which were freshly brought in from the northeast at the age between 4 and 5 years.